



**MINUTES – MEC REGULAR MEETING
4:15 P.M. – 5:50 P.M., WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2007
PIMA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 101 N. STONE AVE., TUCSON, ARIZONA**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Dr. Louis Albert, Bill Ardern, Robert Breault, Rabbi Samuel Cohon, Mark DeWeerd, Betty Elasowich, Maria Hooker, Raul Nido, Jo Riester, Sr. Rosa Maria Ruiz, Jay St. John, Molly Tylutki, Dr. June Webb-Vignery, Pat Wiedhopf, Nancy Young Wright.

NON-COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Fran Embrey Senechal, Edward Nossem, Paul Lovelis, Roger Carillo, June St. John, Arlene Benavidez, Manny Vavis, John Nametz, Ken Bacher, Matt Haverty, Evan Cuncfern, Ashley Applebee, Lexxie Escalante, Cody Proctor, Jaclyn Coggins, David Baker, Monique Soria, Veronica Boone, Gregg Johnson, Les Peirce, Anna Reese, Robert Blair, Linda Leatherman.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER –DR. JAY ST. JOHN

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Jay St. John at 4:15 p.m.

2.0 FINANCIAL REPORT – XAVIER MANRIQUE

Dr. Jay St. John reported in Xavier Manrique's absence.

ASSETS:

Total Current Assets:	144,688.77
Total Fixed Assets:	<u>200.10</u>
TOTAL ASSETS:	144,888.87

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Total Current Liabilities:	15,695.99
Total Equity:	<u>129,192.88</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY:	144,888.87

Motion to approve Financial Report for January 2007: Bill Ardern

Second: Jo Riester

The motion passed unanimously.

3.0 NOMINATING COMMITTEE – BILL ARDERN

Bill Ardern, Pat Wiedhopf, and Raul Nido have agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee to nominate MEC officers for the 2007-08 year. Tentative nominees are: Chair, Dr. Louis Albert; Vice-Chair, TBD, Treasurer, Xavier Manrique; Secretary, Margie Hildebrand; Past Chair, Dr. Jay St. John.

4.0 APPROVAL OF JANUARY 17, 2007 MEETING MINUTES – DR. JAY ST. JOHN

Motion to Approve the January 17, 2007 MEC Meeting Minutes: Rabbi Samuel Cohon
Second: Sister Rosa Maria Ruiz

The motion passed unanimously.

5.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1 Budget – Bill Ardern

The budget is tracking appropriately for the year so far. The 2007 Key to Employment for the 21st Century Workshop grossed about \$29,000.
City of Tucson funding for the 2nd year of the 2-year period has been approved.

5.2 Crystal Apple Awards Luncheon – Dr. June Webb-Vignery

Dr. June Webb-Vignery reported on this item in Margie Hildebrand's absence. We have 29 table commitments so far. Commissioners are asked once again to procure table sponsorships. Inside Tucson Business is printing the CAA program again this year.

5.3 Appointments – Pat Wiedhopf

All MEC Appointments are filled at present. Pat reiterated the MEC Attendance Policy and recommended that it be included in the Executive Director's Report to remind Commissioners of the importance of attending MEC meetings. The MEC Executive Committee will examine the attendance issue.

5.4 YAC/TTC – Fran Embrey Senechal

The YAC/TTC members are on task with various projects. The Goal One: Graduate!/Meta Numero Uno: Graduar! Poster Contest deadline is Friday, February 23. Over the coming weekend the Outstanding Teen Citizen Award recipients will be selected. Cody Proctor and Jaclyn Coggins have volunteered to sing the National Anthem at the Crystal Apple Awards Luncheon again this year. The YAC/TTC Library Fee Letter has been sent.
On March 1, 2007, YC/TTC members will attend the Governor's Youth Leadership Council in Phoenix.

5.5 Issues – Dr. Louis Albert

The College Access Center is moving forward, despite funding issues. Pima County has agreed to fund ½ of the expenses; the City half is being negotiated. It is anticipated that the Center has good chance of success.

The Library parking fee waiver issue is being addresses.

6.0 TOWN HALL: PAYING FOR POST SECONDARY EDUCATION

A Town Hall meeting was held, with discussion topic Paying For Post Secondary Education. Representatives of post secondary education funding and advising entities, ethnic group representatives, YAC/TTC members, MEC Commissioners, and members of the community participated in the discussion.

Transcripts of the discussion are available at from the MEC office upon request.

7.0 CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No action.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Raul Nido

Second: Nancy Young Wright

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.